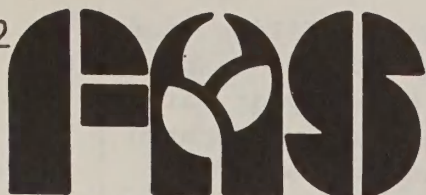


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WEEKLY ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE

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WASHINGTON, March 17--The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following recent developments in U.S. agricultural trade:

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

U.S. agricultural exports during January totaled \$3.1 billion, down 4 percent from the same month a year earlier, but 8 percent above the depressed level of December 1982. Lower prices for soybeans, corn and wheat accounted for most of the decline as export volumes of these commodities were above the same month a year earlier. Total agricultural export volume in January of 14.2 million tons was 11 percent above the year-earlier level. The improved January export performance primarily reflected a pickup in wheat shipments. Export unit values for corn, soybeans and wheat continued to strengthen in January as they had since October 1982.

Total agricultural exports during the first four months (October-January) of fiscal 1983 were valued at \$11.9 billion, down 18 percent from the same period a year earlier. Total agricultural export volume during the first four months of fiscal 1983 totaled 52 million tons, down 8 percent from the year-earlier period. Smaller wheat shipments accounted for most of the decline.

U.S. exports of wheat in January rose 15 percent in volume from last January to 3.9 million tons, reflecting a large increase in shipments to India. U.S. wheat exports to India totaled 438,000 tons, compared with only 42,000 tons a year earlier. Wheat shipments to China and the USSR were each down about 100,000 tons compared with January 1982. The wheat export unit value in January of \$163 per ton was 8 percent lower than a year earlier, although the total value of wheat exports increased 6 percent. The wheat export volume for October-January was down 22 percent to 11.6 million tons, while value dropped 28 percent to \$1.9 billion.

U.S. corn exports in January increased 16 percent in volume over a year earlier to 4.4 million tons, as larger shipments to China, Japan and Taiwan offset a decline to the Soviet Union. The corn export unit value of \$111 per ton was 9 percent lower than a year earlier. The total value of corn exports rose 6 percent over the previous January. Corn export prices had strengthened significantly since October 1982, rising 11 percent. The corn export volume for the first four months of fiscal 1983 was down 1 percent from the year-earlier period to 17.4 million tons, and the value was off 16 percent to \$1.8 billion.

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Soybean shipments in January rose 2 percent to 2.3 million tons, with larger shipments to Japan, Mexico and other countries. Soybean export prices in January, at \$232 per ton, were 10 percent lower than a year earlier. The total soybean export value dropped 8 percent in January compared with a year earlier. Soybean export volume for October-January was up 1 percent from the year-earlier period to 9.9 million tons, but value was down 12 percent to \$2.2 billion.

Export volumes and values were above January a year ago for soybean meal, beef and wheat flour, but were down for cotton, rice and grain sorghum.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS

The value of U.S. agricultural imports in January 1983 increased 21 percent over January 1982 and totaled \$1.5 billion. This increase brought imports for the first four months of fiscal 1983 to \$5.5 billion, 3 percent above a year earlier.

Imports were larger for most commodity groups in January 1983, as a result of a somewhat improved price situation and the replenishing of U.S. stocks for some commodities. Livestock imports of \$310 million, sugar and tropical products of \$574 million and horticultural product imports of \$404 million were up 42, 28 and 9 percent, respectively, from January 1982.

Cocoa beans, pork and beef were several products registering sharp value increases during January. Imports of cocoa beans climbed 246 percent over a year earlier to \$67 million because of the replenishing of reduced inventories. Pork imports, mostly from Canada, expanded 88 percent to \$65 million because of higher U.S. hog prices vis-a-vis Canadian prices. Beef imports in January climbed 54 percent to \$142 million. Most of the increase came from the release of Australian and New Zealand meat in bonded storage in U.S. warehouses. Australia was forced to increase cattle slaughter in 1982 because of a severe drought situation. A portion of this beef was shipped to the United States, but was held in bonded storage so that Australia could stay within the limits of its 1982 voluntary restraint agreement with the United States.

For the October 1982-January 1983 period, increases in imports from a year earlier were posted by horticultural products, up 13 percent to \$1.5 billion, livestock, up 16 percent to \$1.0 billion, and dairy products, \$256 million up 11 percent. Sugar and tropical product imports declined 8 percent during this period.

AGRICULTURAL TRADE BALANCE

The U.S. agricultural trade surplus in January was \$1.6 billion, down 20 percent from the \$2.0 billion of January 1982. For the first four months of the current fiscal year, the agricultural trade balance totaled \$6.4 billion, down 30 percent from the same period a year earlier.

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1981 - JANUARY 1983

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE										CURRENT MONTH (JANUARY)																			
		QUANTITY					%					VALUE					QUANTITY					%					VALUE				
		10/81-01/82	10/82-01/83	DIF	10/81-01/82	10/82-01/83	DIF	10/81-01/82	10/82-01/83	DIF	10/81-01/82	10/82-01/83	DIF	10/81-01/82	10/82-01/83	DIF	10/81-01/82	10/82-01/83	DIF	10/81-01/82	10/82-01/83	DIF	10/81-01/82	10/82-01/83	DIF						
GRAINS AND FEEDS																															
WHEAT & WHEAT FLOUR	MT	14951,096	12088,743	-19	2,591,381	1,893,468	-27	3414,287	4022,481	+18	606,814	655,260	+8																		
WHEAT	MT	14870,757	11559,927	-22	2,572,438	1,852,144	-28	3379,159	3895,633	+15	593,136	636,588	+6																		
WHEAT FLOUR	MT	80,339	528,816	+558	19,343	41,324	+119	35,128	126,848	+261	8,678	18,672	+115																		
RICE	MT	994,129	545,817	-45	432,813	225,487	-48	221,118	110,037	-50	99,626	43,506	-56																		
COARSE GRAINS	MT	21229,483	19983,862	-6	2,628,887	2,109,272	-20	4755,078	5255,694	+10	582,136	584,301	+2																		
CORN	MT	17575,445	17362,079	-1	2,171,153	1,817,883	-16	3824,516	4430,793	+16	464,697	490,861	+25																		
GRAIN SORGHUM	MT	2716,339	2328,790	-14	329,550	258,935	-21	744,867	632,000	-15	92,018	74,770	-17																		
BARLEY	MT	894,035	287,504	-63	121,031	31,691	-74	181,409	162,305	-11	24,667	18,574	-25																		
OATS	MT	6,513	4,356	-33	879	692	-21	1,662	596	-64	215	96	-55																		
RYE	MT	37,151	733	-98	6,274	71	-99	2,624	-100	539	-100	-32																			
FEEDS & FODDERS 1/	MT	1931,485	2085,843	+8	328,920	350,200	+6	454,636	624,097	+37	77,971	102,949	+21																		
PULSES	MT	470,294	211,398	-55	309,281	90,355	-71	39,126	43,380	+11	22,285	17,697	-21																		
BEANS, DRIED	MT	419,937	143,882	-66	288,883	65,622	-77	28,299	28,725	+2	17,799	12,447	-30																		
PEAS, DRIED	MT	33,143	45,655	+38	11,223	15,207	+35	7,708	9,964	+29	2,664	3,082	+16																		
LENTILS, ETC.	MT	18,208	21,861	+20	9,175	9,526	+4	3,119	4,691	+50	1,822	2,169	+19																		
OTHER	XXX				116,406	107,805	-7				26,695	22,952	-14																		
TOTAL	XXX				6,407,689	4,776,586	-25				1415,525	1426,666	+1																		
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS																															
TOTAL OILSEEDS	MT	10793,365	10111,075	-6	2,892,130	2,487,351	-14	2378,008	2381,581	+2	637,756	566,994	-11																		
SOYBEANS	MT	9862,159	9916,151	+1	2,549,593	2,239,548	-12	2293,695	2349,908	+42	575,254	546,029	-3																		
SUNFLOWER SEED	MT	824,189	692,641	-16	231,119	160,320	-31	60,133	10,900	-42	20,594	3,557	-83																		
PEANUTS	MT	88,281	97,127	+10	103,736	78,679	-24	18,130	13,640	+8	20,342	16,681	-18																		
OTHER OILSEEDS	MT	18,736	28,156	+50	7,282	8,804	+21	6,050	1,133	-81	1,532	727	-53																		
SOYBEAN MEAL	MT	2318,723	2616,621	+13	540,703	567,562	+5	611,079	954,556	+56	144,067	212,343	+47																		
OTHER MEAL	MT	1709,969	79,771	-53	26,891	13,590	-49	42,467	15,587	-63	6,238	2,550	-59																		
TOTAL VEG. OILS	MT	459,921	456,868	-1	266,416	242,608	-9	64,219	95,119	+48	40,435	50,635	+25																		
SOYBEAN OIL	MT	254,910	282,098	+11	134,527	136,597	+2	19,324	56,251	+142	12,424	26,185	+111																		
SUNFLOWER OIL	MT	51,155	29,285	-43	29,538	15,692	-47	16,571	8,105	-51	9,326	4,165	-55																		
COTTONSEED OIL	MT	91,272	94,648	+4	52,781	47,147	-11	18,675	18,953	+1	10,313	9,775	-5																		
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	62,564	50,937	-19	47,570	43,172	-13	9,049	11,810	+31	8,372	10,510	+26																		
OTHER	XXX				44,579	42,165	-5				9,347	10,235	+10																		
TOTAL	XXX				3,770,720	3,353,276	-11				837,842	842,755	+1																		
SEEDS																															
RAW COTTON 2/	MT	75,847	75,633	---	120,401	127,965	+6	29,685	24,710	-17	42,621	41,402	-3																		
LINTERS 2/	MT																														
SILK	MT																														
TOTAL	MT																														
COTTON & LINTERS																															
RAW COTTON 2/	STB	2226,508	1564,697	-30	751,929	491,149	-35	684,961	462,433	-32	220,850	145,940	-34																		
LINTERS 2/	STB	80,203	148,015	+85	4,758	8,835	+86	24,810	42,066	+70	1,732	2,271	+31																		
SILK	STB	562	213	-62	99	35	-64	31	69	+122	3	9	+244																		
TOTAL	STB	2307,354	1712,924	-26	756,785	500,020	-34	709,802	504,567	-29	222,585	148,221	-33																		

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
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COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH (JANUARY)	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
TOBACCO UNMFG.					
BURLEY.....	MT	4,769	32,707	58,725	+80
FLUE-CURED.....	MT	82,571	556,392	557,404	--
FIRE-SUN CURED.....	MT	2,057	8,709	15,197	+75
MARYLAND.....	MT	1,107	7,466	9,216	+23
CIGAR.....	MT	241	4,424	4,795	+8
OTHER LEAF.....	MT	2,081	20,650	16,395	-21
STEMS.....	MT	16,435	12,783	13,035	+2
TOTAL.....	MT	109,260	643,131	674,766	+5
POULTRY PRODUCTS					
MEAT.....	MT	104,308	116,754	76,153	-35
BROILER.....	MT	12,036	18,451	12,116	-34
TURKEY.....	MT	6,000	7,279	3,238	-56
OTHER POULTRY MEAT.....	MT	40,837	36,936	28,462	-23
EGGS.....	DOZ	12,827	21,750	7,582	-65
EGG PRODUCTS.....	MT		41,773	38,895	-7
OTHER.....	XXX				
TOTAL.....	XXX		242,943	166,445	-31
DAIRY PRODUCTS					
NON-FAT DRY MILK.....	MT	25,702	14,724	40,146	+173
CHEESE.....	MT	1,844	6,690	15,312	+129
BUTTER.....	MT	42,273	71,989	31,345	-56
OTHER.....	XXX		40,314	28,109	-30
TOTAL.....	XXX		133,717	114,913	-14
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.					
MEAT.....	MT	129,920	281,077	276,650	-2
BEEF.....	MT	25,866	103,731	139,269	+34
PORK.....	MT	34,926	78,769	45,559	-42
VARIETY.....	MT	69,128	98,577	91,822	-7
TALLOW.....	MT	503,339	232,289	187,620	-19
LARD.....	MT	20,505	11,734	8,739	-26
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	30,367	27,331	12,080	-56
CATTLE HIDES.....	XXX	5843,439	223,351	246,873	+11
FURSKINS.....	NO		113,198	86,185	-24
OTHER.....	XXX		215,646	210,599	-2
TOTAL.....	XXX		1,104,627	1,028,746	-7

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COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH (JANUARY)	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		X	X	X	X
		10/81-01/82:10/82:01/83:DIF	10/81-01/82:10/82:01/83:DIF	1982 : 1983 :DIF	1982 : 1983 :DIF
HORTICULTURAL PROD.					
TREE NUTS.....	MT	87,560	183,116	163,287	-11
FRUIT.....			459,425	451,799	-2
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT	249,980	115,558	112,060	-3
FRESH, NON-CITRUS..	MT	255,638	167,613	170,184	+2
CANNED.....	MT	41,814	38,498	35,414	-8
DRIED.....	MT	39,278	68,102	66,335	-3
JUICES.....	GAL	45,568	69,654	67,786	-3
VEGETABLES,FRESH....	MT	313,938	130,351	78,325	-40
VEG. PREP., PRES....	MT	131,655	120,429	107,619	-11
OTHER.....	XXX		158,911	149,257	-6
TOTAL.....	XXX		1,052,232	950,268	-10
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.					
SUGAR & SWEETENERS..	XXX				
COFFEE.....	MT	6,832	102,116	29,257	-71
FLAVORING SYRUPS....	XXX		48,258	36,433	-25
OTHER.....	XXX		57,536	61,650	+7
TOTAL.....	XXX		111,690	115,407	+3
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX		319,600	242,747	-24
			14,551,843	11,935,732	-18

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GALLON UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS. DOZEN UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.
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 --- INDICATES CHANGE LESS THAN 1 PERCENT. *** INDICATES CHANGE GREATER THAN 999 PERCENT.

- 1/ INCLUDES BY-PRODUCTS.
- 2/ STATISTICAL SALE ± 480 LBS.

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS DATA (UNADJUSTED).

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
OCTOBER 1961 - JANUARY 1983

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE		CURRENT MONTH (JANUARY)	
		QUANTITY	VALUE	QUANTITY	VALUE
		: X	: X	: X	: X
		: 10/81-01/R2:10/R2:10/R3:DIF	: 10/81-01/R2:10/R2:10/R3:DIF	: 1982 : 1983 :DIF	: 1982 : 1983 :DIF
GRAINS AND FEEDS					
WHEAT & PRODUCTS	MT	58,963	75,612	12,786	15,896
BARLEY & MALT	MT	68,150	14,143	20,137	4,000
OTH COARSE GRAINS 1/	MT	14,605	3,427	1,950	518
PULSES	MT	9,601	7,097	2,559	1,331
OTHER	XXX		59,780		13,295
TOTAL	XXX		160,114		35,687
OILSEEDS & PRODUCTS					
OILSEEDS	MT	72,347	28,316	6,347	4,324
COCONUT OIL	MT	150,301	77,713	37,437	18,417
PALM OIL	MT	44,697	21,603	12,760	5,763
OTHER VEG. OILS	MT	59,175	51,602	16,028	13,942
OTHER	MT	23,312	14,231	6,765	4,025
TOTAL	MT	355,533	193,470	79,937	46,470
SEEDS					
	MT	16,422	26,079	5,151	7,151
COTTON, LINTERS, SILK					
	MT	4,412	5,443	1,077	1,918
TOBACCO UNMFG.					
CIGARETTE LEAF	MT	29,921	92,733	10,315	32,402
CIGAR LEAF	MT	803	4,554	138	1,123
SCRAP & STEMS	MT	24,582	52,897	7,103	13,930
TOTAL	MT	55,305	150,174	17,555	47,454
POULTRY PRODUCTS					
FEATHERS & DOWN	MT	1,779	22,273	396	5,200
POULTRY MEAT	MT	371	1,858	39	320
EGGS & PRODUCTS	XXX		1,036		330
OTHER	XXX		531		172
TOTAL	XXX		25,612		6,022

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
OCTOBER 1981 - JANUARY 1983

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (JANUARY)							
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%		QUANTITY	VALUE	%					
		: 10/81-01/82:10/82-01/83:DIF	: 10/81-01/82:10/82-01/83:DIF	: 10/81-01/82:10/82-01/83:DIF	: 10/81-01/82:10/82-01/83:DIF	: 1982	: 1983	: DIF	: 1983 :DIF				
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%				
DAIRY PRODUCTS													
CHEESE, QUOTA.....	MT	48,873	133,751	-2	47,821	132,540	-1	7,065	8,583	+21	19,305	24,331	+26
CHEESE, NON-QUOTA.....	MT	6,365	24,680	+36	8,640	34,375	+39	1,542	2,476	+61	5,649	9,819	+74
CASEIN.....	MT	22,663	66,713	+28	29,115	82,131	+23	7,615	7,610	---	22,373	21,169	-5
OTHER.....	XXX		4,816			7,131	+48				832	1,937	+139
TOTAL.....	XXX		229,960			256,177	+11				48,164	57,305	+19
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.													
WOOL.....	MT	11,004	50,597	-33	7,391	30,334	-40	3,609	2,741	-24	17,395	10,970	-37
MEAT.....	MT	243,213	569,682	+19	290,617	661,649	+16	57,719	94,532	+64	132,714	211,246	+59
BEEF AND VEAL.....	MT	172,822	393,360	+16	200,127	409,532	+7	42,540	70,430	+66	92,202	141,744	+54
PORK.....	MT	60,642	163,129	+38	93,713	235,085	+44	13,410	22,657	+69	34,772	65,406	+88
OTHER (EDIBLE).....	MT	7,749	23,193	-13	6,777	17,032	-27	1,769	1,445	-18	5,740	4,096	-29
LIVE CATTLE.....	NO	176,228	63,100	+121	390,135	117,738	+87	37,534	61,908	+65	13,384	20,367	+52
OTHER LIVESTOCK.....	NO	56,443	57,794	+231	186,657	95,196	+65	14,019	70,516	+403	13,809	30,684	+122
HIDES & SKINS.....	XXX		31,029			17,359	-44				8,055	4,200	-48
FURSKINS.....	XXX		41,121			34,435	-16				21,983	19,394	-12
OTHER.....	XXX		50,024			46,920	-6				11,504	13,398	+16
TOTAL.....	XXX		863,347			1,003,630	+16				218,844	310,260	+42
HORTICULTURAL PROD.													
FRUIT.....	MT	393,576	416,406	+8	961,406	542,480	+30	209,733	260,691	+24	106,414	133,304	+25
FRESH.....	MT	101,145	211,324	+23	124,496	229,269	+8	21,764	29,343	+35	50,672	62,632	+24
PREP. & PRES.....	MT	504,159	95,664	+75	881,055	119,552	+25	159,013	197,779	+24	21,157	29,523	+40
JUICES.....	LIT	291,275	108,814	+17	341,791	193,659	+78	133,431	156,461	+17	34,585	41,149	+19
VEGETABLES, FR/PZ.....	MT	139,068	128,062	-3	135,123	123,219	-4	42,443	34,188	-19	71,899	62,622	-13
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT		120,981			117,476	-3				36,933	29,909	-19
TREE NUTS.....	XXX		75,792			88,035	+16				16,204	19,060	+18
WINE.....	LIT	173,169	300,373	+8	147,590	319,462	+6	39,777	51,106	+28	61,181	77,355	+26
OTHER ALCOHOLIC BEV.....	LIT	200,030	130,361	+13	225,923	153,293	+18	47,239	59,453	+26	31,457	39,513	+26
NURSERY PRODUCTS.....	XXX		58,410			68,612	+17				15,103	12,980	-14
OTHER.....	XXX		96,614			89,238	-8				30,250	28,903	-4
TOTAL.....	XXX		1,326,999			1,501,816	+13				369,446	403,646	+9

U.S. AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES
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COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (JANUARY)			
		QUANTITY	VALUE	%		QUANTITY	VALUE	%	
		:10/81-01/82:10/82-01/83:DIF	:10/81-01/82:10/82-01/83:DIF	:10/81-01/82:10/82-01/83:DIF	:10/81-01/82:10/82-01/83:DIF	:1982	:1983	:DIF	:1983 :DIF
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.									
SUGAR, RAW & REFINED:	MT	2056,980	404,918	-56	722,005	204,385	149,091	-27	73,640
SWEETENERS:	MT	168,634	269,257	+60	66,461	36,141	92,920	+157	16,743
COCOA & PRODUCTS:	MT	109,139	171,076	+57	229,566	23,724	73,688	+211	55,527
COFFEE:	MT	366,065	404,806	+11	929,140	79,181	97,058	+23	213,033
ESSENTIAL OILS:	MT	1,902	4,058	+113	24,723	618	2,159	+249	3,440
TEA:	MT	25,630	27,553	+8	41,236	6,829	6,236	-9	10,214
SPICES:	MT	38,152	46,305	+21	48,043	9,573	12,312	+29	11,391
FIBERS:	MT	23,926	20,859	-13	16,200	5,126	3,591	-30	2,932
RUBBER & ALLIED GUMS:	MT	229,962	229,479	---	222,975	51,706	61,606	+19	45,507
OTHER:	XXX				36,156				12,425
TOTAL:	XXX				2,336,515		449,852		574,036
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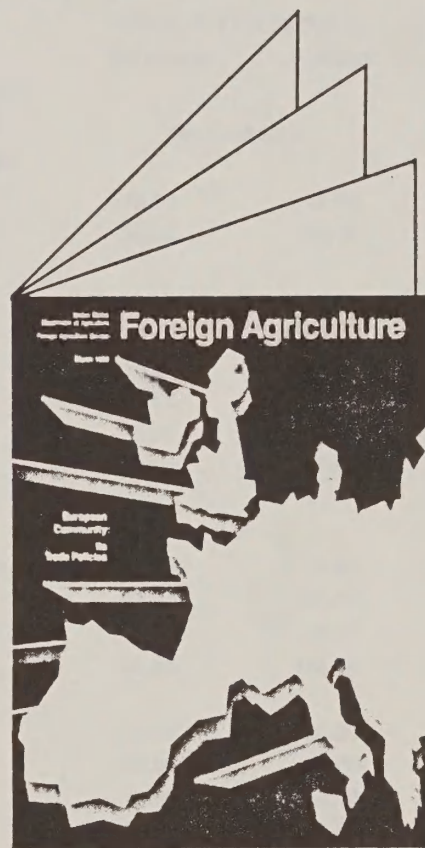
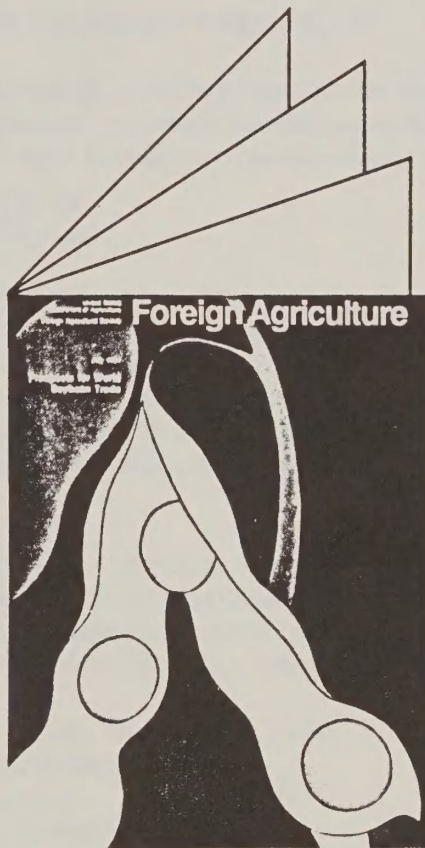
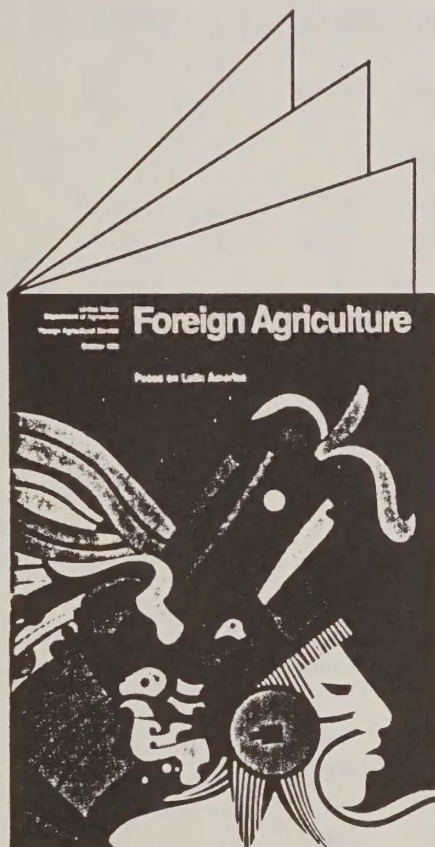
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